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Image: Midway2Conquest (Mary Poppins) looks on as Russian leaders attempt to bring down, no, not the budget—just a chimney brush.

(unrelated to cabinet) Tsar pops in to see advisors circus

Quartier de l'Opéra, Paris — WithinTheVortex was seen being carried from the Palais Garnier, in Paris, last night in fits of laughter after the Commonwealth's top councillors, diplomats and the Tsar's closest advisors concluded the second of two *Mary Poppins* musical productions.

The play was put on in honour of the one year anniversary of the Tsar's formal ascension and recognition by Alexander IV.

In recognition of the occasion, hundreds of top Unified States political leaders and celebrities travelled (definitely not by car, for two obvious reasons) to the French capital for the 19 day celebration.

Against the advice of the Tsar's doctors and every single person who attended the matinee showing, WithinTheVortex was determined to see the play for himself. Audience members attests to hearing "ear rending cackling" from the second balcony, interrupted by violent fits of vomiting.

Due to a systematic lack of female auditionees the creative panel determined to select the person "most in touch with his feminine side" to play the role of Mary Poppins: Midway2Conquest. This is despite hist protests that he'd rather have been a Marine, who have replaced the Policemen in the revised script.

Since the Tsar's advisory council is "very, very mature" the casting board were also troubled to find a total of zero children in the 700 strong cast. A potential casting catastrophe was luckily avoided after the team received permission to amputate the lower half of two cast members legs to accommodate the desired height arrangement.

The performance gained critical… attention for being the first production of its kind to include an electric guitar solo during "Feed the Birds." "All around the cathedral," Midway2Conquest (Mary Poppins) was heard singing, "the saints and apostles look down… down, down, down [super sweet electric guitar solo]."

Empty streets in the French capital

Paris — The city of Paris closed off nearly the entirety of the 9th arrondissement to guarantee security for the hundreds of public figures attending the Commonwealth production of *Mary Poppins*. This was in return for guarantees the attendees would refrain from calling the French prime minister (who was present) a "Frenchie." Local media was unable to conform if this request was followed, especially in the later days.

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